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SUB: NUGS THREATENS TO DISRUPT USIS PROGRAMS

REF: (A) ACCRA 0332, (B) ACCRA A-9 (NOTAL),

1. NATIONAL UNION OF GHANAIAI STUDENTS (NUGS) HAS
ISSUED QUOTE PROTEST NOTE UNQUOTE DATED MARCH 8 (RE-
CEIVED MARCH 15) WHICH CONDEMNS USIS OPERATIONS GHANA
AND STATES (A) THAT IN FUTURE USIS AND SIMILAR
ORGANIZATIONS MUST OBTAIN APPROVAL IN ADVANCE FROM
NUGS FOR ANY
PROGRAMS DIRECTED TOWARD STUDENTS AND (B) IF USIS
QUOTE FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THIS, WE OF THE STUDENTS
MOVEMENT OF GHANA RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ADVISE OURSELVES OF
APPROPRIATE STEPS TO TAKE TO RIGHT ANY WRONGS DONE,
AND THAT WE TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY OF ANY MISHAPS THAT
SHALL BEFALL SUCH ORGANISATIONS, THEIR PROPERTY OR THEIR
PERSONNEL. UNQUOTE.

2. AS REPORTED REFAIRGRAM NUGS DID SUCCESSFULLY DISRUPT

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POETRY READING AT LEGON BY STANLEY KUNITZ, BUT IN SO

DOING BROUGHT DOWN UPON ITSELF THE WRATH OF THE GHANA ASSOCIATION OF WRITERS. MORE RECENTLY, ON FEBRUARY 24, KUMASI GROUP OF NUGS ATTEMPTED TO DISRUPT FILM SHOWING BY USIS AT UNIV OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL AS OTHERS WISHING TO SEE FILM RAN THEM OUT OF THE AUDITORIUM.

3. NUGS HAS BEEN PLAYING TWO THEMES EACH OF WHICH PLACES IT IN OPPOSITION TO USIS AND OTHER AMERICAN PROGRAMS. FIRST IS THE GENERAL PROSCRIPTION AGAINST QUOTE WESTERN INFLUENCES IN EDUCATION UNQUOTE REPORTED REFTTEL. SECOND IS THE SPECIFIC OPPOSITION TO AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE. 8, IN THE QUOTE PROTEST NOTE UNQUOTE NUGS DECLARES ITS ADHERENCE TO QUOTE SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM UNQUOTE AS ITS POLITICAL GOAL AND ITS OPPOSITION TO QUOTE IMPERIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM AND CAPITALISM. UNQUOTE.

4. WE HAVE SENT COPY OF QUOTE PROTEST NOTE UNQUOTE TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDER COVER OF LETTER FROM THE AMBASSADOR.

5. PAO ALSO SAW VICE CHANCELLOR OF LEGON, MARCH 17, WHO WAS UNAWARE OF QUOTE PROTEST NOTE UNQUOTE AND SAID USIS REMAINS FREE TO SPONSOR PROGRAM ON CAMPUS ON INVITATION OF ANY CAMPUS ORGANIZATION. HE SAID UNIVERSITY RELATIONS OFFICE SHOULD BE INFORMED AND WOULD SERVE AS LIAISON. BRANCH PAO KUMASI HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO TAKE UP QUESTION WITH VICE CHANCELLOR UST.
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